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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- 1. Pearson Looking for Assistance with Development of Premiere Intelligence Assessment for Young Children**

This is a request for suggestions on professionals and early childhood organizations such as Head Start that might be interested in helping with the development of the next edition of Pearson's premiere intelligence assessment for young children.

Please feel free to share this with colleagues and to post this on listservs reaching school and clinical psychologists. (Note: many retirees find this an interesting way to keep their fingers in the profession!)

This is your invitation to participate in the development of the next edition of the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI). Pearson, the largest developer of assessments, is taking applications from psychologists, speech language pathologists, and educational diagnosticians to help with the testing of the fourth edition of WPPSI, known as WPPSI-IV.

The "standardization" phase of testing will be conducted from July 2011 to February 2012. It will involve administrations of the research edition to children ages 2 years 6 months to 7 years 6 months.

Field examiners are responsible for identifying qualified individuals for the assessments, and then administering the research edition of the product as directed by a Pearson field research coordinator. Pearson provides compensation to both the examinee and the examiner. Examiner payment is contingent upon the administration being complete.

Testing times for the WPPSI-IV tryout edition are one to two hours, depending on the age of the examinee. Examiner payment ranges from \$50 to \$85, depending on the age of the examinee and whether the examinee is typically developing or has a clinical diagnosis. Examinee payment ranges from \$30 to \$50 depending upon age band. Validity studies will be collected, so professionals familiar with the following assessments should apply for the project: WPPSI-III, NEPSY-II, Bayley-3, WIAT-III.

In addition to typically developing examinees of all race/ethnic categories, we will be testing children who have been diagnosed with Intellectual Disorder (Mild and Moderate), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (Inattentive Type), Intellectual Giftedness, Developmental Delay-Cognitive, Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Expressive Language Disorder, Mixed Receptive-Expressive Language Disorder, Emergent Preliteracy Concerns and Emotional Disturbance.

More Details and Applying for the Project

To view more specifics on the study, please use the following link, which will allow you access to the project application form.

WPPSI-IV Standardization Project Overview

<https://www.surveymk.com/s/WPPSIoverviewfornewexaminers>

Declining the Project

Even if you are not interested in this project at this time, please use the link below to let us know that you are declining the project.

Decline WPPSI-IV Standardization

<https://www.surveymk.com/s/notinterestedinwppsi>

Nominating Candidates

Examiner selection is based on a number of factors, including access to potential examinees. **If you are new to testing for Pearson, or have not tested in the last year, you will receive instructions on accessing the online candidate nomination system after you apply for this project.**

Recruiting Assistance

Pearson will be providing WPPSI examiners two resources to expand your access to examinees, since there will be an increased emphasis on including children of color and children from lower educated families within a relative short collection timeline. These include a referral program for examinees and a site testing payment for facilities or nonprofit organizations that provide access to examinees or a testing location.

Site Testing Background

Examiners who are working at a preschool, daycare center, Head Start or any other organization that is willing to help collect parent consent forms and provide a testing location can set up a testing site. The testing site receives \$10 for each child successfully tested through its recruiting efforts. For your convenience, attached is a link to the site testing background material. You may find this to be very helpful.

Also, you may know of organizations that might like to become a testing site where Pearson could potentially find an examiner to assign to that site. Feel free to share this with others.

Site Testing Background

https://www.surveymk.com/s/site_background_jlk

Please feel free to share this with colleagues around the country, as our projects are national in scope. If you have any questions, contact Julia Kearney whose information is below.

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2. Early Steps Public Comments

Comments received by the Early Steps State Office during the Public Comment Period (February 21, 2011 through March 22, 2011) related to proposed policies and the Annual Part C Application for funds are now available for public review at: https://www.cms-kids.com/families/early_steps/public_participation.html.

3. NECTAC News

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

4. Mentorship for ITDS Without 1 Year Experience

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has informed ESSO that mentorship in lieu of 1 year of experience for Infant and Toddler Developmental Specialists is not allowed in the Medicaid State Plan Amendment. No further applications for ITDSs without 1 year of experience can be considered for an ITDS Certificate. ESSO will be working with AHCA to draft a Medicaid state plan amendment to include mentorship for submission to the regional Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval.

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5. Early Steps Data System Enhancements Trainings

Testing on Phase II of the Early Steps Data System Enhancements is complete. Two conference calls for training on the IFSP Table have been scheduled for May 31 at 3:00 PM EDT and June 3 at 10:00 AM EDT. A PowerPoint presentation of the forthcoming training and conference call-in information will be distributed to Directors and Coordinators next week.

6. Third Party Administrator Prototype Demonstration - New Date

MED3000 has re-scheduled this demonstration for June 7, from 9:00 to 12:00. Below is the webinar information.

When: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: WebEx

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

Tallahassee CMS HQ –

Pensacola MED3000 – Large Conference Room

Please feel free to forward this invitation to CMS staff that would like to participate.

Cesar Cruz invites you to an online meeting using WebEx.

Meeting Number: 353 262 469

Meeting Password: This meeting does not require a password.

To join this meeting (Now from iPhones and other Smartphones too!)

1. Go to <https://med3000.webex.com/med3000/j.php?J=353262469>
<<https://med3000.webex.com/med3000/j.php?J=353262469>>

2. Enter the meeting password: This meeting does not require a password.

3. Click "Join Now".

4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

Teleconference information

Instant Meeting Number: 866.780.9407

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